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**New Jersey State Board of
Massage and Bodywork
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK
THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF

AN SHANJI

FINAL ORDER OF
DENIAL OF LICENSURE

TO PRACTICE MASSAGE AND
BODYWORK THERAPY IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. An Shanji applied for licensure by the Board in 2014.
2. The Board received a flagging notice indicating that on August 7, 2014, Ms. Shanji had been arrested and charged with obstruction of administration of the law, resisting arrest, maintaining a nuisance, and promoting prostitution.
3. On September 26, 2014, a letter issued on behalf of the Board, asking for documentation and information concerning the

arrest. The letter was sent to respondent's address of record in Flushing, New York by certified and regular mail. The certified mailing of the letter was signed for. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Ms. Shanji's failure to respond to a Board inquiry concerning an arrest on charges relating adversely to the practice of massage and bodywork therapy constitutes a failure to cooperate within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, subjecting Ms. Shanji to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure was entered on March 30, 2015, provisionally Ms. Shanji's application, and barring any subsequent application for a period of three years. A copy of the Order was served upon Ms. Shanji by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day following entry unless Ms. Shanji requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written

evidence supporting Ms. Shanji's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record reflects that the certified and regular mailings of the Provisional Order were returned, with the regular mailing marked "insufficient address/unable to forward." The Board determined that constructive service had been effected, as the mailings had been sent to Ms. Shanji's address of record with the Board. The Board further determined that as Ms. Shanji had not kept the Board apprised of a valid address, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the provisional order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY,

IT IS on this 25th DAY of June , 2015,

ORDERED that:

1. Ms. Shanji's application for licensure as a massage and bodywork therapist in the State of New Jersey is hereby denied. No subsequent application for licensure will be entertained for a period of three years, dating from the filing of this order. In the event that Ms. Shanji submits an application for licensure at any future time, she shall be required to provide a complete explanation and documentation as to the disposition of the August 7, 2014 arrest, and the Board reserves the right, if warranted to take appropriate action with respect to that information.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF

MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

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